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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Eisenstadt, Melk, Mauer Oehling and Urfahr 25X1

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 22 April 1955, about 100 soldiers were observed receiving field training and emplacing AT guns in the area of the large training ground 3 kilometers east of the Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) railroad station. At about noon, some of these soldiers returned to the former Jaeger Kaserne. There were 54 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried SKS rifles, and 6 men who also wore black-bordered red epaulets and each of whom carried a light machine gun. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, each of which was occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets (some with artillery insignia), and towed a 57-mm AT gun followed this detachment at a distance. Motor vehicles observed at the former Jaeger Kaserne included driving-school truck \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
van-like motor vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ and sedan \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, sedan \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck \_\_\_\_\_  
Driving-school trucks observed in the morning at driver training in the area of the city and parked over noon in front of the former building of the Landesregierung (district government) included trucks \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
The men who belonged to these vehicles were observed at lunch in the mess hall of this building.
2. On 21 April 1955, a canvas-covered gun, 5 trucks, 2 van-like motor vehicles and the radiators of 4 motor vehicles were observed in the area of the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68). The kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets; one of the sentries stood guard in a watchtower. Thirty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at field training on the meadow north of the installation. Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, a senior lieutenant wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and trucks \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
jeep \_\_\_\_\_ and van-like motor vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1  
all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were also observed at the installation. 25X1

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3. On 20 April 1955, about 50 motor vehicles and 3 field kitchens were parked in the area of the former Landesheilanstalt (district mental hospital) in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, some of whom carried instruction items such as exercise books and manuals, were observed between the buildings. A lieutenant colonel and 5 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and driving-school trucks [redacted] and truck [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the installation. Sixty soldiers who carried rifles were observed at marching exercises on the training ground northeast of the hospital. At about noon, they returned to their billets.
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4. On 19 April 1955, 2 lieutenant colonels and 2 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 49/V 88). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The radiators of 15 motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs in front of which 2 model SU-76 SP guns, 5 trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were parked. An undetermined number of soldiers were observed working on these weapons and motor vehicles. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation included trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, truck [redacted] jeep [redacted] and sedan [redacted]. In the morning, machine gun bursts and rifle fire were heard from the training ground west of the installation. At about noon, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets who carried SKS rifles, and 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets who carried 6 light machine guns and ammunition belts returned to the installation. The detachment was led by 2 majors who also wore black-bordered red epaulets.
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- [redacted] Comment. Component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which are confirmed by the present report in their respective stations include the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in Eisenstadt, the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt in Melk, the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in Mauer Oehling, and the 287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in Urfahr. All motor-vehicle [redacted] observed belong to units of the respective stations.
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